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1. EMBASSY FOLLOWED UP ITS EARLIER DEMARCHE ON THE
SUBJECT OF HIGHER EC GATE PRICES FOR POULTRY BY
CONTACTING OFFICIALS AT MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
ECONOMICS AND AGRICULTURE. WE URGED RESTRAINT AND
LEADERSHIP BY THE FRG AT POULTRY MANAGEMENT COMMUNITY
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MEETING DIRECTED AT PREVENTING FURTHER EC POULTRY

PROTECTION. WE EMPHASIZED POTENTIAL TRADE DAMAGE TO US EXPORTS TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE FRG, WHICH SHOULD BE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN REDUCING ITS CHRONIC TRADE SURPLUSES, INSTEAD OF SUPPORTING PROTECTIONIST POLICIES.

2. ACTING MFA OFFICE DIRECTOR FOR COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FREITAG, WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT AT AMBASSADOR'S MEETING LAST WEEK WITH STATE SECRETARY SACHS, WAS STILL NOT ADEQUATELY INFORMED ON THE PROBLEM, BUT SAID THAT HE WAS UNHAPPY TO LEARN FROM US THAT THE FRG HAD BEEN A PRIME MOVER BEHIND THE INITIATIVE TO RAISE POULTRY GATE PRICES. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, DEFENSIVELY, THAT PROBLEMS DO BECOME COMPLICATED WHEN FARMERS' INTERESTS GET INVOLVED. HE AGAIN PROMISED TO MAKE APPROPRIATE INQUIRIES AT THE FRG MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE.

3. ECONOMICS MINISTRY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR EC-THIRD COUNTRY RELATIONS MORAWITZ, WHOM THE ECONOMIC COUNSELOR ALSO CONTACTED, WAS EQUALLY UNAWARE OF THE POULTRY LEVY PROBLEM. HE TOO EXPRESSED HIS UNHAPPINESS OVER THE IMPLICATION OF PROTECTIONISM INHERENT IN THE EC DECISION AND ALSO PROMISED TO CONTACT HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE.
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